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For: **IMPLANTABLE SUBSTRATES FOR** )  
**THE HEALING AND PROTECTION** )  
**OF CONNECTING TISSUE,** )  
**PREFERABLY CARTLIDGE** )

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### **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

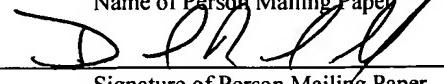
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